



State of New Hampshire
WATER WELL BOARD



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NH WATER WELL BOARD MINUTES

September 11, 2014

A meeting of the New Hampshire Water Well Board ("Board") was held on September 11, 2014, in the Department of Environmental Services Building in rooms 112 & 113, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

Present were: Roger Skillings, Chairman
Rene Pelletier, Secretary
Board Members: Stephen Smith, Steve Guercia, Steven Garside, David Hunt, and
Frederick Chormann
NH DES Staff: Richard Schofield

Chairman Skillings brought the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Garside, the Board voted to accept the Minutes of the July 24, 2014 meeting, as printed.

Licensing

License Applicants

The Board considered an application from Robert Daniels for a domestic pump installer license. Upon motion by Mr. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Hunt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application.

Reporting

Faxon's Artesian Wells & Pumps

The Board discussed the matter of 58 well completion reports which were submitted late for wells constructed in 2013. The reports were submitted by Lucy Faxon under her license, number 1768, rather than Faxon's Artesian Wells and Pumps license number 364. All of the reports were signed by Lucy Faxon.

Ms. Faxon addressed the Board and explained that all of the wells constructed in 2013 were done under her license doing business as Lucy Faxon. All of Ms. Faxon's customers were aware of the name change. Faxon's Artesian Wells and Pumps is doing some work in Massachusetts. She also explained that the reports were late because Mrs. Faxon became ill early in 2013 and passed away on Christmas Day. She and Mr. Faxon were her care givers traveling to Casco Maine throughout the year.

The Board agreed to accept the late reports, including eight additional reports that remained due, under her license number and signature, provided she submit proof in the form of invoices that her company constructed the wells. The Board requested a response within 30 days. The matter was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Administrative Rules

Peter Demas, DES Rules Attorney, addressed the Board regarding his review of the Board's proposed rules. Mr. Demas provided an explanation of his overall approach when reviewing rules, which is to assist programs in presenting a rules package that is consistent with the legislative authority and provides clear and uniformly enforceable requirements. Mr. Demas discussed the rulemaking process and time frame for adopting rules. Mr. Demas also answered questions of the Membership and said he would continue to work with the Board's staff as the rules move forward.

Mr. Schofield informed the Board that he had received an inquiry from the Plumbers, Fuel Gas Fitters, and HVAC Association of NH about the licensing of pump installers and any new provisions that may be taking place. The Membership acknowledged that the draft rules were subject to change, however, once Mr. Demas has completed his review and the Board agrees upon an initial proposal, Mr. Schofield will provide the PFGFHVAC of NH a copy of the proposed rules that would affect pump installers.

New Business

RSA 365-A Land Sales Full Disclosure Act

Mr. Schofield provided a review of the statutory requirements as they pertain to subdivisions and water supply. The statute is a consumer protection law adopted to protect buyers of subdivided land. Entities subdividing land with more than 15 lots must register with the Department of Justice. Among other things the registration must provide a statement of the existing provisions for access; sewage disposal; water; and other public utilities.

For subdivisions up to 50 lots, where no more than 35 lots are offered, the Department of Justice has adopted rules, Jus 1304.03, that exempt subdivisions from registration and reporting if certain conditions are met. One of the conditions requires the subdivision provide assurances that an adequate potable water supply is available year-round. Mr. Schofield suggested that the DES fact sheet WD-DWGB-1-8, which recommends 600 gallons of water deliverable to the home within a two hour period at least once per day would be an appropriate standard for "adequate water".

National Drilling Association

Mr. Schofield informed the Board he had been contacted by the National Drilling Association (NDA) about obtaining pre-approval for continuing education training courses offered by the NDA. The NDA offers three on-line certifications:

- 1) Drilling Safety;
- 2) Groundwater knowledge; and
- 3) Monitor Well Construction.

The Board agreed that any of the available training courses would be acceptable for pump installer credits.

Other New Business

The Membership reviewed specifications for a stainless steel repair clamp available through FW Webb for possible approval as a connector for raising wellheads above ground surface. The Board requested FW Webb to provide a sample for inspection at the next meeting.

The Membership requested staff to follow-up with the DES-Subsurface Systems Bureau regarding several issues:

1. The definition of a sealed septic tank;
2. Construction approval conditions for special methods of construction; and
3. A 65 foot setback to property lines.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rene Pelletier
Water Well Board Secretary

